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FORCE REALIGNMENT IN SOVIET 5TH ARMY, FAR EAST MILITARY DISTRICT, USSR (S)

(S/WNINTEL) During the period [] a force realignment was observed within the Soviet 5th Army in the Far East Military District, USSR. This realignment (Figure 1) resulted in the following: the forward deployment of a major combat maneuver unit of the Smolyaninovo Division to an installation 10 nautical miles (nm) from the Sino-Soviet border; a consolidation of artillery, rocket, and chemical units with the combat maneuver units of the Sergeyevka Division; and the consolidation of all elements of a second-generation (mobilization) division at Shkotovo Army Barracks AL-1.

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(S/WNINTEL) The artillery regiment and the multiple-rocket launcher battalion subordinate to the Sergeyevka Division had been housed at Chernyatino Army Barracks AL-1/TA-1. These units had left garrison by [] and were probably redeployed to Barano-Orenburgskoye Army Barracks AL-1. This approximately 25-nm move consolidated the artillery and rocket force units of the Sergeyevka Division with its combat maneuver elements in the Barano-Orenburgskoye area. The chemical defense battalion housed at Chernyatino AL-1/TA-1 had also left garrison by [] and was probably redeployed to Lipovtsy Army Barracks Southwest AL-1.

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(S/WNINTEL) The active BTR-60PB-equipped motorized rifle regiment and the chemical defense battalion subordinate to the Smolyaninovo Division housed at Shkotovo AL-1 had left garrison by [] and was probably redeployed to Chernyatino AL-1/TA-1 by [] (Figure 2). This resulted in a forward positioning of these units to within 10 nm of the Sino-Soviet border from a rear support area approximately 50 nm from the border.

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(S/WNINTEL) Between [] two BTR-40-equipped, second-generation motorized rifle regiments and an engineer battalion housed at Smolyaninovo Army Barracks AL-1/TA-3 began to redeploy 5 nm northwest to Shkotovo AL-1. Most of the equipment for these units had been transferred by [] This relocation consolidated all elements of the second-generation motorized rifle division at Shkotovo AL-1.

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(S/WNINTEL) The forward deployment of the motorized rifle regiment of the active Smolyaninovo Division placed a frontline unit in the Tung-Ning-Pokrovka Gap, one of the two major avenues of advance into the Ussuriysk/Vladivostok area. The consolidation of the Sergeyevka Division improved the defenses of the second approach route through the Sui-Fen-Ho-Pogranichnyy area and simplified the command and control for the division

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by placing all of the units of the division within a 20-nm area. The relocation of all elements of the second-generation division at Shkotovo AL-1 should simplify the coordination of activity in any future activation of the division.

(S) The current order-of-battle for these three divisions, based on the the redeployment of units in the Soviet 5th Army area, is presented in tabular form below.

Sergeyevka Division (Motorized Rifle Division)

Unit	Location	BE No
Tank Regt	Lipovtsy Army Bks SW AL-1	
Motorized Rifle Regt	Barano-Orenburgskoye Army Bks AL-1	
Motorized Rifle Regt	Barano-Orenburgskoye Army Bks AL-2	
Motorized Rifle Regt	Sergeyevka Army Bks AL-1/SAM Spt 2	
SA-6 Regt	Sergeyevka Army Bks AL-1/SAM Spt 2	
Artillery Regt	Barano-Orenburgskoye Army Bks AL-1	
Multiple-Rocket Launcher Bn	Barano-Orenburgskoye Army Bks AL-1	
FROG Bn	Unlocated	
Chemical Defense Bn	Lipovtsy Army Bks SW AL-1	
Reconnaissance Bn	Barano-Orenburgskoye Army Bks AL-1	

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Smolyaninovo Division (Motorized Rifle Division)

Tank Regt	Smolyaninovo Army Bks AL-1/TA-3
Motorized Rifle Regt	Smolyaninovo Army Bks AL-1/TA-3
Motorized Rifle Regt	Chernyatino Army Bks AL-1/TA-1
Motorized Rifle Regt	Ussuriysk Army Bks West AL-3
SA-6 Regt	Ussuriysk Army Bks West AL-3
Artillery Regt	Smolyaninovo Army Bks AL-1/TA-3
Multiple-Rocket Launcher Bn	Smolyaninovo Army Bks AL-1/TA-3
FROG Bn	Smolyaninovo Army Bks AL-1/TA-3
Chemical Defense Bn	Chernyatino Army Bks AL-1/TA-1
Reconnaissance Bn	Unlocated

Shkotovo Division (Second-Generation Motorized Rifle Division)

All elements	Shkotovo Army Barracks AL-1
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REFERENCE**MAP**

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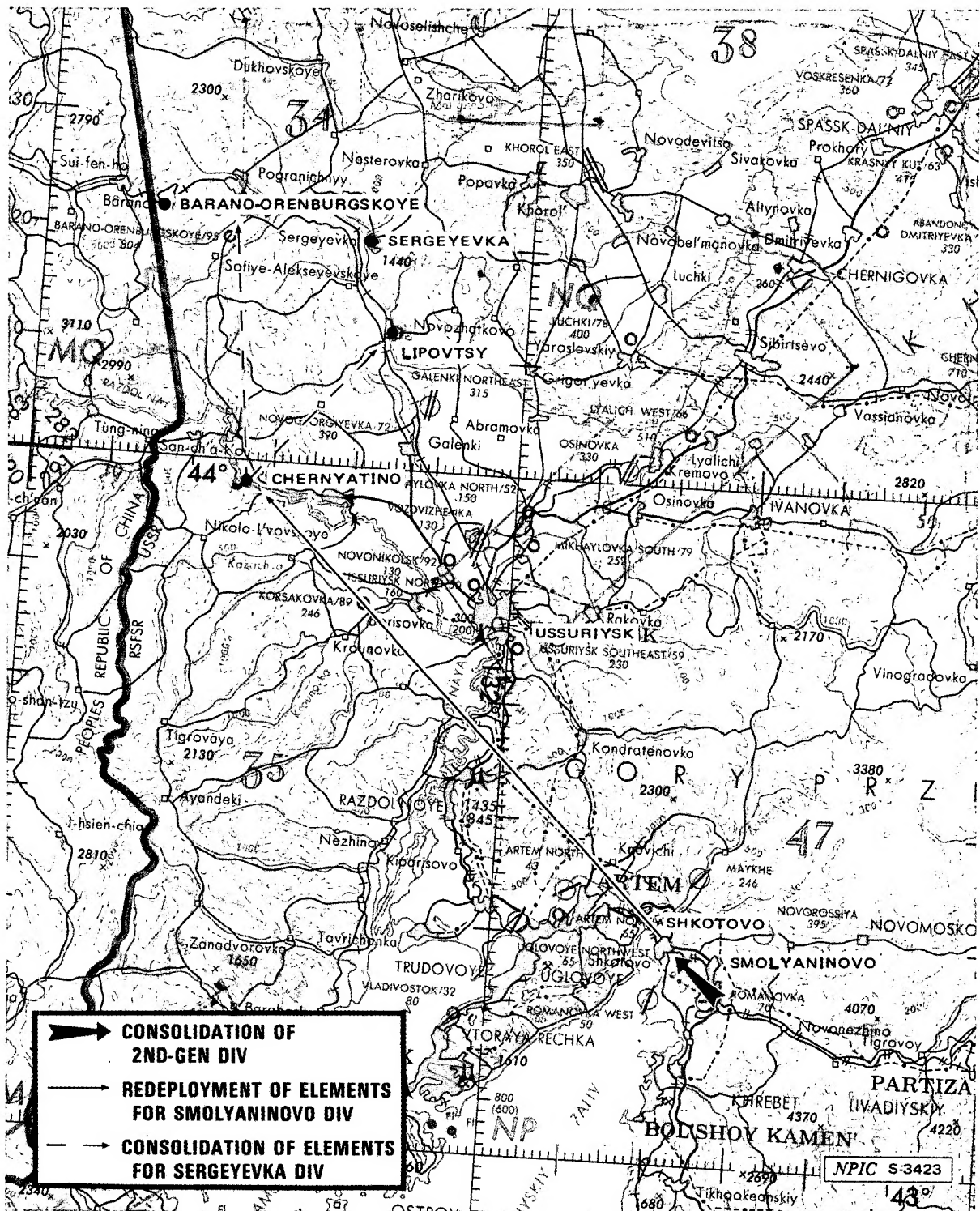
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FIGURE 1. FORCE REALIGNMENT 5th ARMY, FAR EAST MILITARY DISTRICT, USSR

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